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(Acts adopted under the EU Treaty)

ACTS ADOPTED UNDER TITLE V OF THE EU TREATY

COUNCIL DECISION 2008/868/CFSP

of 13 October 2008

concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Russian Federation on the participation of the Russian Federation in the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic (Operation EUFOR Tchad/RCA)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Presidency,

Whereas:

- (1) On 15 October 2007, the Council adopted Joint Action 2007/677/CFSP on the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic ⁽¹⁾ (Operation EUFOR Tchad/RCA).
- (2) Article 10(3) of that Joint Action provides that detailed arrangements regarding the participation of third States are to be the subject of an agreement, in accordance with Article 24 of the Treaty.
- (3) Following authorisation by the Council on 13 September 2004, the Presidency, assisted by the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union/High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, negotiated an Agreement between the European Union and the Russian Federation on the participation of the Russian Federation in Operation EUFOR Tchad/RCA (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).
- (4) The Agreement should be approved on behalf of the European Union,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Russian Federation on the participation of the Russian Federation in the European Union military operation in the Republic of Chad and in the Central African Republic (Operation EUFOR Tchad/RCA) is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the European Union.

Article 3

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its adoption.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Luxembourg, 13 October 2008.

For the Council

The President

B. KOUCHNER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 279, 23.10.2007, p. 21.